

vote would become 22-22.

PRESIDENT: There isn't anything in the rules I don't think that covers this situation other than that the Chair is not aware of whose vote it was that was perhaps not properly cast. I would think that you would have to give me some time to review the rules in order to do this and...

SENATOR SIMPSON: I would just like to have the situation clarified. Since this has made the newspapers. I think that it is necessary that we do this.

PRESIDENT: I would agree with you also that the Chair would agree. I don't know what else to say other than without that vote there would be an obvious 22-22 tie and the motion under that instance would be something else. But again, let me examine the rules....

SENATOR SIMPSON: I would be willing that the President would go over the ruling and the rules and a..a..as he sees fit and could come back at a later time and make a decision. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, as a suggestion to clarify the situation it would be my suggestion that someone who is on the prevailing side or who did not vote would ask for a reconsideration of the action and the action be taken over again then it would clear up the entire situation without the necessity of having a ruling from the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure that I understood Senator Simpson's was the....may I ask Senator Simpson a question? Was the the person.....because I want to pose another problem.

PRESIDENT: Ver good, Senator Simpson would you yield to a question.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: Are you telling us that a person showed on the records that he was excused?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes, now I read this...

SENATOR KREMER: But was he here and did he push the button? Even though he asked to be excused?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Person was excused and was gone. He did not personally press the button, this was the news story.

SENATOR KREMER: That clears up the question. I thought that you meant that he was shown excused but he was here and pressed the button. Because as another problem because if I asked to be excused at 10:00 and the issue did not come up before 10:00 and I remained until 11:00 my vote would still be legal even though I was asked to be excused. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you wish to be recognized?